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### **By Charles Thomson**

PEOPLE should look out for elderly neighbours, friends and relatives over the cold winter season, charities have warned.
Although the Met Office has not forecast

snow, many house bound pensioners will struggle to stay warm.

The National Energy Action charity said that several thousand people will die in Essex and east London over the winter because they cannot afford heating.

Fuel bills have risen by an average of £200 per household this year. The Government has cut winter fuel payments from £400 to £300 for over 80s and from £250 to £200 for all other pensioners.

Age UK is aiming to raise awareness by providing information, advice and practical services on how to stay warm and alive.

The campaign is supported by politicians

on all sides of the political divide.

Baroness Angela Smith of Basildon, said: "I'm supporting the Age UK pledge. We have to raise awareness of the dangers to

health of cold weather and cold homes.
"With the coalition government providing a lower winter fuel allowance this year, I will continue to challenge energy providers to produce simple tariffs to make is easier for neonle to lower their bills"

Yellow Advertiser is promoting the Surviving Winter Appeal, which launched

eight weeks ago.
The campaign urges wealthier pensioners with expendable income to donate their winter fuel allowance to elderly people living in fuel poverty.

The appeal has raised almost £25,000 across Essex and East London.

Jo Murphy, from the Essex Community Foundation, which is running the Essex branch of the campaign, said: "The huge amount raised is thanks to the generosity of local people who have made donations of all sizes.

"We are particularly grateful to the Yellow Advertiser for all their support in promoting the appeal."

To donate to the appeal, cut out and fill in the adjacent form.

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# Helping those in need

### **By Paul Giles**

SINCE the founder of the Salvation Army set up a tent in Whitechapel in 1865 the ethos of the organisation has remained unchanged.

William Booth set up the Christian Revival Society, which evolved into the Salvation Army.

Through his work he hoped that if people repented they would be offered sal-

vation through accepting Jesus Christ.
In its infancy the most needy of soci-- including alcoholics, morphine addicts, criminals and prostitutes would attend meetings.

Now, in modern times, the Salvation Army still offers a guiding hand to those in need within our communities.

Captain Simon Purkins, from the Southend Salvation Army, which has been in the town for 125 years, believes the essence of the charity remains spiritually the same.

In his 31 years with the organisation he has found himself travelling the country. Captain Purkins explained: "I don't think much has changed since Victorian times, the rich get rich and poor get

poorer. "The whole phrase that encapsulates our ethos is 'To save the lost, grow saints and serve suffering humanity.' "We still spread the word of the Gospel

while we work."

Examples of its good work can be seen in work in its history from helping peo-ple in the Galveston Hurricane of 1900 în America, to more recent disasters like the Haiti earthquake.

When speaking to Captain Purkins about how the organisation has evolved in the modern world he uses phrases to round up the way it has grown.

Talking about who the charity helps, there is no hesitation. He just simply



says the Salvation Army is a place 'where the imperfect are perfectly wel-

He also says where a society is becoming so defragmented the charity offers a perfect community.

Work carried out by officers includes soup kitchens, collecting blankets for the homeless, raising money, and many other general chores to make life better for others.

Talking about the current financial

downturn, Captain Purkins said it had created more demand from people on the charity.

He said: "We offer a light hot meal and

a food parcel for people twice a week and the numbers have definitely gone up. It is a sign of the times and it's only going to get worse before it picks up.

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There is a stereotype of the uniform, shaking a tin for funds, brass bands and soup kitchens.

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### **By Paul Peterson**

LONDON is one of the most iconic film locations in the world and has provided a cinematic backdrop for some memorable movie moments from hun-

They include classic scenes including the mar-riage number two in Four Weddings and a Funeral, the James Bond speed boat chase down the River Thames in The World is Not Enough and the hectic dash through London by Robert Langdon in The Da

There are at least 35 crews filming in any one day in London, which is now one of the busiest cities in the world for film production - third only to Los

Angeles and New York.

The starring role in our film story is east London, which has been the birthplace of leading icons from the cinema industry and provided filming locations for some classic movies.

One of the most famous figures from the industry is the so-called 'master of suspense' Alfred Hitchcock, who was born at 517 High Road, Leytonstone, on August 13 1899.

He was the creator of classic thriller and suspenses movies including Rear Window (1954), North by Northwest (1959), Psycho (1960) and The Birds (1963) and pioneered many cinematic techniques to

put his audiences on the edge of their seats.

Hitchcock's house in Leytonstone has since been demolished, but a heritage plaque was unveiled near the site of his former home by Waltham Forest Council in 1993.

The famous filmmaker died on April 24 1980, but his name lives on at the Sir Alfred Hitchcock Hotel, which opened the same year at 147 Whipps Cross Road, in Leytonstone.

Deputy hotel manager, Brenton Sewell,

Deputy hotel manager, Brenton Sewell, explained: "The previous owners of the hotel were big Hitchcock fans. They collected lots of memorabilia, which is still on display in the bar and the restaurant. We've even got a signed copy of Hitchcock's birth certificate."

In the modern film industry - much like Hitchcock's thrillers – things aren't always what they seem and movies are often not actually made in the locations depicted on screen.

The 2010 British film, Made in Dagenham, does not fully live up to its title because some scenes for the movie about the Ford machinists' strike of 1968 were actually filmed in nearby Romford and at a factory in Wales, which doubled for the real Ford



TRIBUTE: Brenton Bradwell with exhibits in the Sir Alfred Hitchcock Hotel.

The Grade II listed Dagenham Civic Centre was actually seen on movie screens six years earlier in the biopic De-Lovely starring Kevin Kline as American composer Cole Porter.

The Art Deco building in Rainham Road was used as the backdrop for one of the musical numbers in the movie, which although set in Hollywood, was filmed entirely in London.

Adrian Wootton, chief executive of Film London, said the capital was an obvious choice for film making and that London was one of the busiest production centres in the world.

He explained: "London is an incredibly popular choice for local, national and international filmmakers. Their films are a lasting and ever growing collection of our city on screen.

The bright lights of Tinseltown attract many film stars to leave their east London roots, Actress, singer and comedienne Millicent Martin

was born in Romford on June 8, 1934.

Millicent, who was resident singer on That Was the Week That Was in the early 1960s, went onto to star alongside Michael Caine in hit British movie Alfie (1966).

She later 'crossed the pond' to play Daphne's mother in the American sifcom Frasier

Actor, comedian and musician Dudley Moore (1935-2002) was also an east Londoner – and was brought up in Dagenham and a pupil at Dagenham County High School.

Dudley, who took a music scholarship at Oxford, is perhaps best known for his comedy partnership with Peter Cook and his film roles in Arthur (1981) and Arthur 2 (1988).

Dame Maggie Smith, who was born in Ilford in 1934, has appeared in countless films including Gosford Park (2001), A Room with A View (1985), and the Harry Potter series.

It is clear that east London has played an impor-

tant part in the history of the film industry, but as Adrian Wootton explains it is a role that continues in modern cinema.

He said: "The area has been chosen as a backdrop for recent films including BAFTA-winner Fish Tank, the Oscar-nominated An Education and Brad Pitt's upcoming movie World War Z, which proves that east London is sought after by the best in the

With many leading film stars born and raised in the area and the historic links with the industry, it seems that modern film makers will keep coming here and East London will continue its starring role in the multi billion pound movie.

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# From one Ron Piper to another

### **By Charles Thomson**

A CHRISTMAS tale. I'm in a pub, while two men look at old Army pictures remembering their National Service in

Egypt.
They say they are not related – but I wonder whether it's possible they have never met. It was the culmination of a strange series of coincidences that brought us together.

Ron Piper, from Benfleet, sent Yellow Advertiser a let-ter after the London riots. He said he'd done his National Service 58 years ago in Egypt and it made a man of him. He said it should be reinstated to discipline

destructive teenagers.
YA published Ron's letter
and a few days later the
phone rang. It was Ron Piper, from Benfleet. There was a letter in the paper about his life. It had his name under it but he hadn't written it. Ron thought someone was impersonating him but couldn't understand how they knew him so well.

We then managed to unearth a startling case of coincidence. There were two Ron Pipers living in the area who both did National Service in Egypt and at the same time.

We brought them together at the White Hart pub to



COINCIDENCE: Ron 1 sits to the right of Ron 2 outside the White Hart pub.

share their stories. Ron 1, who sent the letter,

lives in Benfleet. His father was called Ernest - which, in another coincidence, is Ron 2's middle name.

Ron 1 was a tearaway. He said: "My favourite subject was truant. I'd go about knocking phone boxes to get my lunch money.

"One swapped my glass-Picture by Mark Cleveland es for a catapult. I spent three weeks on remand for breaking into a

gas meter." In his late teens he sold his bicycle to pay for his driving test but failed. When he went

for his National Service, he applied for driving training.
In late 1952 he went to

Egypt. He served in Ismailia and Moascar and was put in

He said: "I had a cushy job but it done me good to go in the army. It brightened my outlook on life and made a man out of me.'

Ron 2 was born in 1935 and, unlike Ron 1, was a well-behaved young man although he admits to throwing the odd banger around fireworks night. He left school at 15 and worked as a mechanic's apprentice until he did his National Service. He travelled to Egypt in March 1953 and, like Ron 1, worked as a driver.

He served in El Kirsh – roughly 30 miles from Ron 1's stations in Moascar and Ismailia, but says his time wasn't as 'cushy' as his namesake's.

He had been there less than a month when he took some of the lads swimming. As he waited in the truck, a man tried to rob him. "The guy went for my throat with a knife," said Ron. "Luckily, I managed to knock him off and drive around the block."

He didn't enjoy the army but, like Ron 1, believes National Service instils respect.

He said: "I didn't like it. It turns you into a man but I could never have made a life of it.'

The coincidences continued after their service. Both enjoyed speedway racing and loved Elvis Presley and Tommy Steele. Nowadays, they both enjoy watching wildlife documentaries.

Both have worked as lorry drivers. When a man called Fred Wright left Market Garden to work at Shell with Ron 1, it was Ron 2 who took over his job. Both of their sons own car-

avans in Clacton, which is handy because both Rons Outside the pub, Ron 1 said: "It's like looking at my brother."

The men said they might trace backwards to see if they

are related. The two Rons and their wives have continued to meet up since we met at the pub.

Ron 1's wife Pam said: "We're seeing them again in the New Year. I think we've made good friends.'

# The letter – written by one Ron Piper - and endorsed by the other

AS A senior citizen like Mr Terry Christmas I feel very strongly in respect to the wanton destruction caused by teenagers who are bored, no jobs, not that they all want them, but live off the dole with no prospect for their future.

Surely it would make them a better class of people to be in the National Service, if only they would bring it back. It would make men of them to wear the uniform and be respected by all and serve out country at

the same time.
I did my National Service
58 years ago and I must
say I did benefit by it in more ways than one and was proud to be in the army. I served in Egypt with the R.C.S.C.

And when I see our royals in uniform, surely like me it must make one roud to be British. So come on The Government and bring back National Service.

Think of all those on the dole. Make men of them. "It could" "Or it might".

Ron Piper, Benfleet

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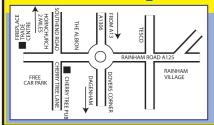


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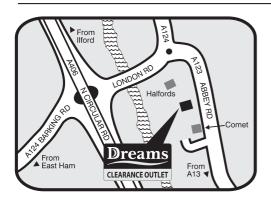
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# Fighting against the stigma of transgenders in Pakistan

FOR thousands of years, Pakistan's transgender community have suffered prejudice and persecu-

tion.
There are more than 80,000 transgenders across the country, and until recently, this group of people have been prevented from getting legitimate work or voting as they had not been recognised by the authorities and were denied identity cards.

Just one month ago, the country's supreme court ordered transgenders to be given identity

cards, which now means they can vote and work.
Before this, transgenders, known as Hirjas, were forced to earn money as door-to-door dancers, as no one would employ them.

For many, they had to endure a dangerous life as sex workers, trailing around Pakistan's streets at night, sometimes suffering violence in the form of gang rapes or grievious bodily harm.

Transgenders are born with breasts but do not possess other female organs. Some have male organs, others have nothing, just a urinary tract.

Hirjas have been protesting and campaigning for decades, for equal rights so they do not have to beg or sell themselves.

Baby Zulfiqar, 40, was the first transgender in

Pakistan to get an identity card.

Baby, who is staying with a friend in Redbridge at the moment but plans to return home soon, was responsible for raising thousands of pounds worth of food year after year for the poor communities

Her charity work was recognised by the United Nations, who convinced the Government to issue her with an identity card.

She said: "It was the happiest day of my life, I

became an official citizen in my country."

However, the stigma of being a transgender remains. Baby said there is always the undercurrent simmering threat of violence on the streets, even in broad daylight.

Many transgenders flee from their homes when they hit puberty to the nearest transgender com-

Transgender's parents are mocked by relatives

Sadly, the parents of the transgender child will take out their frustration on the child and inflict emotional and physical pain on them. Baby said: "We know the community exists as a

child, because they visit the villages and towns dancing for a living – they literally dance, door-to-door, it's like a form of begging, because there

is no other way of surviving."

In an extraordinary case of hypocrisy, the Hirjas are invited to funerals, and will travel the whole

country as a 'rent a crowd.'

Baby said: "If a family find it difficult to grieve, we will wail at a funeral, a huge crowd of us. Sometimes, it's too much wailing!

"Occassionally we are asked to go and bless a family if they have a baby boy, because we are seen closer to God because some of us never have sex in our lifetime.'

This year, the Pakistani government has taken to

employing the transgenders as tax collectors.

They turn up in a large group, dressed as men, singing and dancing, wearing lipstick, - and in the very conservative Muslim communities, will ultimately embarrass tax debtors into paying up.
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# The Esse-X Factor

### **By Peter Henn**

I LIVE in Essex and last Christmas I wrote an article explaining why people from Essex are the most wonderful people in the world, blessed with communal sprinkling of X Factor magic dust. My justifica-tion for this assertion? Reality TV in the noughties was dominated by winners from Essex and the fringes of East London.

They included Diversity win-ing Britain's Got Talent, ning Britain's Got Talent, Southend's Lee Mead winning Any Dream Will Do, Wickford's Chantelle Houghton and Basildon's Brian Belo both winning in Big Brother. Ilford's Arjun Rajyagor became the then Sir Alan and now Lord Sugar's Junior Apprentice. nam's Stacey Solomon first Dagenham's Stacey Solomon and Witham's Olly Murs came second and third on X Factor, but went on to become bigger and more memorable than the eventual winner, whose name escapes me! In short, I said people from Essex were remarkable for their universal appeal. But I was wrong. 2011 has proved the Essex school of reality likeableness is simply earth-shatteringly AMAZING.

The first, second and third place winners of I'm a Celebrity were all from Essex. McFly's Dougie Poynter, who is from Corringham, won, while runnerup –and star of The Only Way Is Essex (TOWIE) Mark Wright – is from Brentwood, and was born in Buckhurst Hill. Third place went to Fatima Whitbread, who grew up in Chadwell St

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Mary and went to school in South Ockendon.

While we're on the subject of Wright and TOWIE. The show featuring Essex people was another winner in 2011. It scooped a prestigious BAFTA.

There was another X Factor first. Jesy Nelson, from Romford, was part of the show's winners Little Mix, the first group to do so. Then the follow-ing weekend Dougie's McFly bandmate Harry Judd, from Chelmsford, won Strictly Come Dancing. If this success remains illusive

to others, its secret is no mystery. We are either hard working, brilliant talented or both. Jenny Probert, a sociology lec-

turer at Havering College – Stacey Solomon's Alma Mater said that while it was important not to fall prey to stereotyping, there was a certain element of tradition in the Essex Reality Boom.

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**MEN**seeking

someone like Stacey, some people might think she falls into the Essex stereotype, but she is actually incredibly determined and driven."

Southend home of Any Dream Will Do winner Lee Mead - has always had a thriving local music scene.

But Syd Moore, who teaches the BTEC in Publishing at South Essex College and edits the Level Four magazine, said it was the type of character produced

by the area that won people over.

She explained: "People from here are warm, humble and unpretentious, and that's something that goes down well. I knew Brian Belo when he was at the college, and he was a really good guy.'

So there we have it. It seems the reason Essex and East London does so well in talent shows and on reality TV is because, put simply, we are all brilliant. But then you knew

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# Record number of students progress to university

This year saw more students progressing to higher education from Newham Sixth Form College than ever before, with an impressive 757 now studying at university.

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In the most recent Sutton Trust report, NewVIc is ranked in the top quartile of sixth forms and colleges in England for supporting its students' progression to university.

Rob Ferguson, HE progression manager at NewVIc comments on these results: "These statistics go to show how effective our support strategy is at the college. We invest a lot of time and resources into ensuring our students have the best possible chance of being accepted by their chosen universities."

"NewVIc helped me prepare for my Cambridge application process throughout my time at college."

This robust approach is helping NewVIc students gain the edge over the increasing competition for university places. Its success in securing students' places at Oxbridge remains consistent, since 2008 seven students have progressed to Oxford and Cambridge.

One of three students to secure their places last year, Husnain Abbas-Nasim, explains how the college supported his progression to Cambridge. "NewVIc helped me prepare for my Cambridge application process throughout my time at college. My law teachers helped me to find valuable work experience at top city law firm Allen and Overy and my tutor constantly supported me through the UCAS application and interview process."

With Husnain's dedication and focus, he achieved an impressive three A\* grades in history, psychology and law and an A grade in government and politics, he is now studying law at Homerton College, Cambridge.

NewVIc has also been extremely successful in supporting its vocational students to progress to higher education to study a range of subjects at leading institutions. This year 475 vocational students progressed to university, showing the versatility of vocational qualifications in providing routes into employment or higher education.

One of this year's vocational success stories includes Sagal Ali who achieved a triple distinction in level 3 BTEC extended diploma business and is now studying human



Lyn Brown MP and Eddie Playfair with some of our high flying students, summer 2011.

resource management at The London School of Economics, one of the most competitive universities in the country.

### Tradition of success

Eddie Playfair, Principal said: "As NewVIc moves towards a milestone anniversary in September 2012, it reflects on two decades as a successful learning community. Over the past twenty years the college has supported thousands of students to achieve their goals, and successfully progress to higher education and employment.

We are so proud that our alumni include students who have gone on to carve successful careers in a variety of fields from the performing arts and media, to medicine, law and banking."

Talented former NewVIc student Folu Popoola won a bursary from London City Airport towards her degree at University College London, where she recently graduated with first class honours. Folu then went on to study a masters degree in mathematics and computer science at the University of Oxford.

Forhad Hussain completed A-levels at NewVIc in the year 2000 and progressed to Imperial College London to study aeronautical engineering. He was elected as councillor for Plaistow North in the 2010 local elections, and also works as a project manager helping the NHS to deliver efficient front line services.

Making his mark in the performing arts world is talented former NewVIc student, Joseph Toonga. After completing a national diploma performing arts in 2009, Joseph went on to study a BA honours at the London Contemporary Dance School. He was recently awarded the prestigious Blueprint Bursary 2011. The bursary is awarded to one outstanding new choreographer each year, and is recognised globally for its work in nurturing emerging talent. Since winning the bursary, Joseph has been developing his own dance company 'Just Us' as well as leading workshops at the Central School of Ballet.

Like many other former NewVIc students, Jospeh retains close links with his former college, recently choreographing and performing a piece at the annual Dance Collection show held at Stratford Circus.



 Ex-NewVIc student, Folu Popoola, now studying at University of Oxford, receiving her award from London City Airport



# **Awards celebrate Newham's** youth achievement



• (I-r) Emmanuel Okoghenu, Rukhsar Akhtar and Sagal Ali receive the Principal's award.

The outstanding achievements of NewVIc students were celebrated by staff, family and sponsors at the college's Annual Awards evening held at Stratford Circus.

Prizes were awarded to students who have excelled academically, students who have contributed to the life of the college and those who have achieved sporting excellence. The awards were sponsored by key organisations in education and industry including Queen Mary, University of London, the Canary Wharf Group and London City Airport. The college receives generous sponsorship for the awards from organisations who support NewVIc's values and recognise the talent and achievements of the students.

Representatives from the sponsor organisations took to the stage to award students with prizes of cheques, vouchers, flight tickets and digital cameras. Staff nominated prize winners from current students and recent leavers who completed their studies in the summer. There was a wide range of categories covering each subject area as well as extra-curricular sports and a special award for demonstrating exceptional dedication and strength of character.

### Academic achievement

Inspiring success stories about each award winner were shared on the evening, including Emmanuel Okoghenu who was one of six students to receive the Principal's Award for exceptional achievement. Emmanuel demonstrated determination and resilience to achieve three A grades at A-level whilst overcoming significant personal challenges throughout the course of his studies. He is now in the first year of a law degree at London School of Econmics. Other recipients of the Principal's Award are also now studying at Russell Group institutions Oxford, Cambridge, University College London, London School Economics and the University of Warwick after achieving a string of A\* and A grades.

"We are really proud of these young people...they have excelled in their studies as well as serving their community."

The evening was not just an opportunity to reward those who have achieved academically, but students who have dedicated themselves to the wider college community through the Sixth Form Baccalaureate (SF Bac) programme. The SF Bac recognises the hours students dedicate to their studies, volunteering and extra-curricular activities. A number of students were awarded the SF Bac with commendation for demonstrating exceptional commitment in these areas.

The SF Bac awards reflected the NewVIc places on ment activities and helping students to become committed global citizens. Playfair, NewVIc cipal commented on the evening:

"Celebrating the successes and wider achievements of NewVIc students is always a highlight of the year. We are all really proud of these young people and they have a lot to be proud of; they've excelled in their studies as well as serving their community in many different ways. We are very grateful to all our sponsors for supporting such a wide range of awards so generously and we appreciate their continuing commitment to partnership with NewVIc which brings many benefits for our students."

The evening was rounded off with a series of impressive performances including NewVIc based Murlow Dance Company's integrated dance and a collaboration of current students and external performers in a lively African dance and music ensemble. It was a fitting way to end an evening

dedicated to celebrating young talent. NewVIc is very grateful to the following organisations who sponsored the awards this year: Brunel University, CAE technology, the Canary Wharf Group, Clarks Legal LLP, Davis Langdon, Geerings Print, KJ Tait Engineers, London City Airport, London Metropolitan University, London South Bank University, The Prince's Drawing School, Queen Mary, University of London, RH Partnership architects, the Royal Veterinary College, Tate and Lyle, University of East London, University of the Arts, Urban Design and Woodland Corporate Interiors.

# **Creative** campaigning



Students at NewVIc are at the heart of an ambitious online anti-cuts campaign, helping to keep the issue of cuts to education in the public eye.

Working with media professionals, including author and NewVIc media teacher, Saci Lloyd, a group of motivated and passionate students have created a satirical campaign to highlight the effects of the cuts on young people in education.

Using animation, video and graphics, DIY UK is a witty and stylish online campaign that invites students nationwide to add their voices to the growing movement of resistance to the cuts in the UK.

Current projects include a mash up of Inception, an out of control Pac Man who gobbles up hospitals and schools, truth speaking Scrabble, music videos, hand drawn animation and graphics... the list is growing daily.

Current NewVIc student, Brandon Mitchell, explains: 'It lets people from all different backgrounds get involved, to have one big voice?

NewVIc teacher, Saci Lloyd comments on the students' involvement "The project has enabled students to explore the impact of cuts on young people, and come up with creative and challenging commentary."

View the campaign and add your own contributions by visiting www.diyuk.org

# Sports Academy cultivates talent

Budding sports stars are developing their talents further at NewVIc with a series of excellence programmes delivered by the college's Sports Academy.

Students who display exceptional talent and sporting ambition have the opportunity to take part in the cricket or basketball Academies, receiving intensive training with elite performance and development coaches.

The Cricket Academy has strong links with several county cricket clubs (Newham, Leyton, Wanstead, Stoke Newington and Walthamstow) which ensures students receive first class training and support. Players who display potential are also referred for county trials with Essex, Middlesex and Surrey.

### Trophy success

The coaching programme has clearly been paying off, with NewVIc Cricket Academy team enjoying a highly success 2010-2011 season, lifting the London U-19 Schools Cup and coming runner up in the Essex U-19 Cup.

Following the success of the Cricket Academy, the college has recently launched its



NewVIc Cricket Academy team

Basketball Academy run by Newham All Stars Sports Academy (NASSA). Up to 15 players are selected to join the Academy each year, undertaking a minimum of 10 hours of coaching per week including strength and conditioning training at the University of East London.

The Basketball Academy attends weekly fixtures for both the British Colleges Sports London League and Cup. Players have the opportunity to trial and play for the U-18 National League Team.

### Leading the way

Young people are also gaining exceptional leadership skills and experience in coaching and officiating through NewVIc's unique Sports Leadership Academy. The programme offers high quality training and development for students who are committed to sports volunteering or coaching. Not only does this programme provide the opportunity to acquire recognised qualifications such as the National Governing Body Coaching award, it enables young people to gain confidence and valuable transferable skills through volunteering placements and work experience.

Level 3 sports coaching and fitness student Matus Benko recently received an award for his outstanding contribution to the Sports Leadership Academy. Dedicating an impressive 425 hours to sports volunteering in the community over his two years at the college, Matus is now studying sports coaching at the University of East London.

# **NewVic helps students** achieve their sporting dreams

Elite athletes with ambitions of becoming professional sports stars are being supported to achieve their goals by NewVIc Sports Academy. Jorge Sambu, who completed his extended diploma in sport, coaching and fitness earlier this year, had been an integral member of the NewVIc football team, leading them to promotion in 2010 and the runner up spot in the SESSA Premier Division in 2011.

Jorge successfully applied for a full scholarship through 'First Point USA' to continue his studies at university whilst training as a professional football player in America. Unfortunately with this offer came a £2,450 agent's fee which was simply unaffordable. With the support of the NewVIc Sports Academy and the London Borough of Newham's Sports and Activities Team, Jorge was awarded a Grant of £2,000 by the Mayor of Newham's Trust fund. He will now take up his scholarship place in the states this summer.



• Ex-student Jorge Sambu, member of the NewVIc football team.

A-level student and gifted handball star Donatas Petrauskas has played for his local club 'Olympia Handball' and represented the London Borough of Newham at international tournaments in Berlin, Sweden and Manchester.

In September Donatas successfully took part in the England U-18 Handball trial, and was selected to represent England as part of an international championship in March 2012.

The next challenge for Donatas is to secure funding to go towards his application for British Citizenship, and the travel expenses he needs to attend national training camps in Warrington on a monthly basis.

With help from the Sports Academy team he hopes to be successful in these endeavours and one day go on to represent Great Britain at the Olympics.

# Did you know?

- A record 757 NewVIc students progressed to higher education in 2011
- 475 vocational students progressed to university, an increase of more than 100 students on the previous year
- NewVic supported over 1650 students to secure valuable work experience in 2010-2011
- 19 A-level and subsidiary diploma courses achieved 100% pass rates
- 12 level 3 and level 2 vocational programmes achieved 100% pass rates
- The NewVIc Honours Programme offers a tailored curriculum, enrichment and guidance to academically gifted students aiming for top universities
- NewVIc offers unique Pathways in Law, Medicine and Economics to support ambitious students aiming for careers in these areas.

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# Students rub shoulders with film stars

Film studies and media students from NewVIc are taking lessons from industry professionals in an innovative approach to learning outside of the classroom.

Students were privileged to attend a preview screening at Leicester Square for the launch of the much acclaimed 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy'. After the film, the students took part in a question and answer session where they were given the unique opportunity to ask questions of the star of the film, Gary Oldman.

BTEC extended diploma media and AS film studies students were also invited to a master class at the British Film Institute (BFI). They took part in a workshop entitled 'how to become a film critic' with professional film critic Quentin Falk. This event was organised by the BFI and Film Education with film screenings on the day to celebrate the contribution of British film director Ken Loach; as well as film productions by young students from across the UK.

"we all felt that our different approaches to critiquing films were valued."

Since the event, Quentin Falk has been in touch with the BFI to praise NewVIc students for their 'valuable contributions'. As a result, one AS film

studies student, Akhil Kanukuntla is now writing film reviews for Quentin Falk's online film journal.

Michelle Gooden, AS film studies student, commented on her experience: "I left the sessions feeling more confident and we all felt that our different approaches to critiquing films were valued. Quentin Falk led the session particularly well as he made sure we all had the freedom to speak openly and honestly about our diverse views. Trips like this are so important, and are a great way to learn."

This cutting edge approach to teaching film studies and media at NewVIc has helped the department achieve consistently high success rates. The department secured 100% pass rates in A-level film studies, level 3 BTEC extended diploma media production and level 2 BTEC media this year.

Students are not only progressing to some of the most competitive media and arts schools in the country, but also go on to succeed in the media industry. Recent level 3 media production student, Rian Ahmed, has just had his graphic novel accepted for publication and looks set for a successful career in the field. Fellow former student, Osvaldo Moniz achieved a triple distinction on the course and progressed to prestigious Ravensbourne to study editing and post production. He is now an international pop star performing across Europe!



 BTEC extended diploma media and AS film studies students at Leicester Square for the launch of 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy'.

# Future medics on pathway to success

Ambitious students committed to a career in medicine are being prepped for success at NewVIc with its unique and highly competitive Medicine Pathway programme.

Medical school is viewed as one of the most competitive career routes and NewVIc is helping its students gain the edge over other applicants by fully preparing them for the rigorous application process.

The pathway has demanding entry requirements, with prospective students expected to achieve an average GCSE points score of 6 or above (B grades and above). Students choose a select package of recommended A-levels including biology, chemistry, mathematics or physics and a fourth subject which will demonstrate students' writing and analytical skills.

Working in partnership with leading medical school Queen Mary, University of London, the pathway delivers valuable opportunities to receive mentoring and guidance on the application process through the SAMDA scheme.

The college operates a tutorial system where all students on the specialist pathway are placed together for weekly sessions. Tony Dunn, science programme team manager at NewVIc explains: "Placing all Medicine Pathway students in the same tutorial group fosters a real sense of community, encouraging peer support and motivation. As all students on the programme are academically gifted, they motivate each other to achieve their targets. We find this approach extremely effective."

Students are kept well informed of rel-

evant enrichment opportunities and visits, including a recent trip to Kings

"The pathway has provided me with links to current medical school students and professionals"

College London where students were able to learn from current medics and try their



 Current Medicine Pathway student Israel Kolade

The programme has an excellent success rate, as recent leavers demonstrate. In the past two years, 11 students have progressed to leading medical schools including the University of Cambridge, University College London, Kings College London and Queen Mary, University of London. Many more students have progressed to medical related degrees at top universities, such as

hand at procedures such as surgical stitching.

A grades and is now studying biomedical science at the University of Sheffield. Current Medicine Pathway student, Israel Kolade, studying mathematics, chemistry, physics and psychology comments:

"The pathway has provided me with links to

Alexander Sholarin who achieved three

current medical school students and those working in the profession; I've also secured work experience at Queen Elizabeth hospital. This has all given me a clear insight into

the field of medicine- I would like to specialise in neurology one day."

# Bright prospects in booming IT industry

Students successfully completing IT related courses at NewVIc are set for bright futures in the world of IT and computing. The IT industry is one of very few to continue its growth despite the economic downturn, opening up exciting opportunities for graduates.

After completing a range of IT related A-levels and vocational programmes at NewVIc, students are progressing to

top universities to study a host of degrees that will lead them into the lucrative IT industry. Blessing is

Blessing is hoping to follow in the footsteps of other successful students like Sayyam Shahzad who has completed a BTEC diploma IT prac-

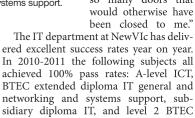
titioner (system support) alongside A-levels and is now in his second year of a degree in computer science with games technology at Queen Mary, University of London. Sayyam is adding to his skills set by undertaking a TIGA diploma in games development through Train2Game, which provides industry standard qualifications in this specialist area.

Commenting on his experience at NewVIc, Sayyam said: "The strong foundation in IT that NewVIc provided me with has helped me to succeed at university. I'm proud to have achieved a 2:1 in my first year and passed the JAVA exams for my games development diploma."

Sabeur Thabti studied the BTEC extended diploma IT practitioner at NewVIc and is now in his third year of a computer science and management degree at Russell Group university Kings College London. As part of his degree, Sabeur has just undertaken a three month placement at leading investment and property development firm, Grosvenor where he hopes to pursue a

career on graduating.

"When I started college, I really didn't have any ambitions or goals. It was my NewVIc tutor, who helped guide me to where I am today. I'm so grateful, because getting to Kings College London has really opened up so many doors that would otherwise have been closed to me."



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